ing private contractors into the Defence factory; and

(c) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) to (c) The matter is being enquired into.

Service conditions of Teachers in Ordnance Factory School, Ambajhari, Nagpur, Maharashtra

55. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of teachers, including ladies, are working in ordnance Factory School, Ambajhari, Nagpur, Maharashtra for several years without getting service security, proper pay scales, etc., and

(b) whether Government propose to review their cases and cause their regularisation along with other benefits; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) and (b) 16 teachers are engaged by the School, on an *ad hoc* basis, under a private arrangement. They are paid honouranium, under "self-help basis", which is purely a local arrangement for teaching students of classes beyond the authorised level. Being engaged under a private arrangement, they are not entitled to pay scales and other benefits admissible to the teachers in the employ of the government. However, their claims were adjudicated before the Central Administrative Tribunal and the matter is presently *sub judice*.

Appointments in the Executive Council and Advisory Council in Central University, Pondicherry

56. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be peased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons appointed so far in the Executive Council and Advisory Council in Central University, Pondicherry;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the posts in the Executive Council and the Advisory Council have not been filled up so far; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for delay in appointing members of the Executive Council and Advisory Council of the said University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) to (c) According to Statute 11 of the Statutes of Pondicherry University, the Executive Council consists of fifteen members of whom fourteen are in place. One position which is to be filled in from among the Directors, is vacant ; since the posts of three Directors provided for in the Act are vacant.

There is no rovision for any Advisory Council in the Act and Statutes of the Pondicherry University.

Felling of Green Trees in H.P., U.P. and J. and K.

57. SHRI SHABBIR AHMED SALARIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Governments have not yet imposed a ban on the felling of green trees in disregard of the directive of the late Prime Minister Shrimati Indira Gandhi, issued in July, 1984 to Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) what are the details of said directive; and

(c) What steps Government would take to persuade these State Governments to stop the felling of green trees from the forests in the interest of natural environment, ecology, hydrology, wildlife and tourism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The Government of Himachal Pradesh, Uttar